

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 9, 2007. After entry of this amendment, claims 3-5, 7, 10, 11, 14-16, 18, 21 and 22 will continue to be pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 17, 19, 20, 23-25 have been canceled. Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested in view of the remarks made below

1. The Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1, 2, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 17, 19, 20, 23 and 24 stand rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious in view of U.S. Reissue Patent No. 23,564 to Hobson (hereinafter "Hobson"). By action of this amendment claims 1, 2, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 17, 19, 20, 23 and 24 have been canceled. Therefore the rejection is moot.

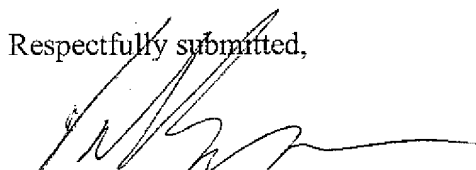
2. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 3-5, 7, 10, 11, 14-16, 18, 21 and 22 have been indicated as being allowed. Claims 3-5, 7, 10, 11, 14-16, 18, 21 and 22 are the only remaining claims pending in the present Application. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully submits that the Application is in condition for allowance.

3. Conclusion

Applicant has made an earnest effort to place this application in condition for allowance. If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview would expedite prosecution of this patent application, he or she is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at 215-599-0600. Contact with the undersigned via electronic mail at takupstas@patentwise.com is hereby authorized¹ per MPEP 502.03.

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